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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
 SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

RON ISSAC RICHARDSON,)	No. C 07-3753 SI
)	
Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	
)	
EMILIO T. GONZALEZ, Director of U.S.)	JOINT REQUEST TO BE EXEMPT FROM
Department of Homeland Security;)	FORMAL ADR PROCESS
MICHAEL CHERTOFF, Secretary,)	
Department of Homeland Security,)	
)	
Defendants.)	

Each of the undersigned certifies that he or she has read either the handbook entitled “Dispute Resolution Procedures in the Northern District of California,” or the specified portions of the ADR Unit’s Internet site <www.adr.cand.uscourts.gov>, discussed the available dispute resolution options provided by the court and private entities, and considered whether this case might benefit from any of them.

Here, the parties agree that referral to a formal ADR process will not be beneficial because this mandamus action is limited to Plaintiff’s request that this Court compel Defendants to expeditiously process his petition for a visa for his wife. Given the substance of the action and the lack of any potential middle ground, ADR will only serve to multiply the proceedings and unnecessarily tax court resources. Accordingly, pursuant to ADR L.R. 3-3(c), the parties request

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1 the case be removed from the ADR Multi-Option Program and that they be excused from
2 participating in the ADR phone conference and any further formal ADR process.

3 Dated: November 2, 2007

Respectfully submitted,

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6 /s/
7 MELANIE L. PROCTOR¹
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9 Attorneys for Defendants

10 Dated: November 1, 2007

11 /s/
12 RICHARD BAIZER
13 Attorney for Plaintiff

14 **ORDER**

15 Pursuant to stipulation, IT IS SO ORDERED.

16 Date:

17 SUSAN ILLSTON
18 United States District Judge

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28 ¹I, Melanie L. Proctor, hereby attest that I have on file all holograph signatures for any
signatures indicated by a “conformed” signature (/S/) within this efiled document.